

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

4.00pm 12 MAY 2022

HOVE TOWN HALL - COUNCIL CHAMBER

DECISION LIST

Part One

135 COST OF LIVING RESPONSE INCLUDING THE HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND 2022

Contact Officer: Nigel Manvell

Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED: That the Committee –

- (i) Notes the content of the report, and the mitigations set out in Appendices 1 to 4;
- (ii) Noted the £0.200m expected to be set aside from the council's 2021/22 outturn to mitigate some of the cost of living impacts (to be considered at the July Policy & Resources Committee following closure of the 2021/22 accounts);
- (iii) Approved the re-allocation of £0.231m from the provisional Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) underspend, as set out in Appendix 5, to provide match funding for the Household Support Fund to enable a full provision of Free School Meal vouchers at the previous voucher value and to bolster the element of the Household Support Fund provided for support to other households;
- (iv) Approved the proposed allocation of the 2022/23 Household Support Fund set out in Appendix 5, noting the associated Equality Impact Assessment at Appendix 6, and delegates necessary adjustments to the approved allocations to the Chief Finance Officer following consultation with the Chair of Policy & Resources Committee and Opposition Spokespersons, provided any adjustment is compliant with the council's rules for virement as defined under Financial Regulations;

- (v) Noted that Housing Committee will be considering progress and priorities for both the Warmer Homes and retrofitting programmes at the June meeting, including consideration of how these initiatives will contribute to improving the energy efficiency of homes and mitigating the impacts of fuel poverty to respond to both the cost of living crisis as well as meeting the council's carbon reduction commitments;
- (vi) Agreed that the City Council will promote the package of new support for residents under a new section of the council's website called "Worried about money", which will provide one place where residents can access links to information and support;
- (vii) Agreed that the city council supports co-establishing a new 'Brighton & Hove Cost of Living Support Fund' with CVS partners to run an appeal aimed at helping some of the city's most marginalised residents which will see donations support the work of the Citizen's Advice Bureau and the Brighton & Hove Food Partnership;
- (viii) Agreed that the City Council should work with:
 - (1) Greater Brighton Economic Board (GBEB) partners to lobby government ministers on the cost of living impact, and;
 - (2) the city's MP's to lobby government for sustainable funding for the City.

136 FLEET PROCUREMENT

Contact Officer: Rachel Chasseaud *Tel:* 01273 290753
Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED: That the Committee –

- (i) Delegated authority to the Executive Director of Environment, Economy & Culture, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer, to enter into a contract up to the value of £2.400m for four electric powered side-lifting RCVs;
- (ii) Delegated authority to the Executive Director of Environment, Economy & Culture, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer, to enter into future contracts for low emission RCVs up to a maximum value of £2.500m per year, or any alternative value approved by Budget Council as part of the Capital Programme, for the duration of the Fleet Strategy 2020 to 2030;
- (iii) Agreed that the use of the delegated authority as set out in 2.2 will be reviewed annually at Policy & Resources Committee as part of the Fleet Strategy Update report;

- (iv) Agreed additional borrowing of £0.200m to purchase electric fleet required for the Toilet Cleansing Service.

137 CIRCULAR ECONOMY ROUTEMAP

Contact Officer: Sophie Moss

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Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED: That the Committee –

- (i) Agreed the Routemap updates;
- (ii) Agreed the Routemap Action Plan.

138 I360 LOAN RESTRUCTURE

Decision deferred

139 SUSSEX INTEGRATED CARE SYSTEM (ICS) GOVERNANCE

Item withdrawn

140 CHANGES TO THE CORONER'S SERVICE

Contact Officer: Abraham Ghebre-Ghiorghis

Tel: 01273 291500

Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED: That the Committee –

- (i) Noted the interim arrangements whereby the current Senior Coroner for West Sussex is also Acting as Senior Coroner for the city of Brighton & Hove;
- (ii) Noted the proposal, as part of the interim arrangements, for the recruitment of an Area Coroner for the city of Brighton & Hove;
- (iii) Agreed in principle the overall aims of the draft business case being developed by both Local Authorities (latest version attached in Appendix 1) with a view to it being submitted to the Chief Coroner's Office for approval subject to any necessary modifications and consultation with staff and unions;
- (iv) Noted that, as part of the statutory process, there will be consultation with key stakeholders which the Chief Coroner will consider before approving the proposals;
- (v) Authorised the Chief Executive and the Executive Director for Governance, People and Resources, to take all steps necessary to finalise the draft proposals and enter into any agreements necessary for the merger of the Coroner's Service.

141 PROCUREMENT OF ELECTORAL REGISTRATION AND RETURNING OFFICER PRINTING SERVICES

RESOLVED: That the Committee –

- (i) Agreed to the procurement of an ERO and RO printing services contract for an initial term of two years and up to two years additional extension;
- (ii) Delegated authority to the Executive Director for Governance, People & Resources to:
 - 1. Carry out the procurement of the contract referred to in 2.1 including the award of the contract; and
 - 2. Grant the optional extensions to the contract referred to in 2.1 - should they consider it appropriate at the relevant time.

142 REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S POLICY & RESOURCES (RECOVERY) SUB COMMITTEE AND ITS MEMBER WORKING GROUPS

Contact Officer: Elizabeth Culbert Tel: 01273 291515
Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED: That the Committee –

- (i) Agreed to formally disband the Policy & Resources (Recovery) Sub-Committee, but to ensure the regular reports outlining the council's steps to recovery in the delivery of basic services (waste and refuse collection, parking permits, and street cleanliness) that [Full Council agreed in February 2022 and the Policy & Resources (Recovery) Sub-Committee agreed in May 2022] would come to every meeting of the Policy & Resources (Recovery) Sub-Committee, will now come to meetings of the Policy & Resources Committee;
- (ii) Approved the changes to the Council's permanent Member Working Groups and Other Bodies set out in Appendices 1 & 2 respectively, with the understanding that; following the 6 month completion of the Community Wealth Building Task & Finish Group, it will be merged with the Circular Economy Working Group;
- (iii) Approved the amendments to the explanatory text in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution attached as Appendix 3;
- (iv) Authorised the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer to take all steps necessary or incidental to the implementation of the changes agreed by the Policy & Resources Committee, and that the Monitoring Officer be authorised to amend and re-publish the

Council's constitutional documents to incorporate the changes;

- (v) Agreed that the proposed changes recommended at paras 2.1 to 2.4 inclusive come into force immediately following their approval by Policy & Resources Committee.

143 UKRAINE UPDATE

RESOLVED: That the Committee –

- (i) Noted the actions taken by officers to fulfil the obligations placed on local authorities by the government's Homes for Ukraine Sponsorship Scheme;
- (ii) Noted the spend to date on the scheme;
- (iii) Instructed officers to develop a costed proposal to provide support to Ukrainian refugees in the city arriving via other routes, to be considered by a future committee.